

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as indicated below. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions.

1. (currently amended) A holder for a cassette for storing semiconductor material substrates, the holder comprising:

a base plate; and

on which a guide member located over and supported by the base plate, the guide member having cassette-directed~~provided with at least two guides for aligning the cassette along substantially perpendicular axes over the base plate, in opposition, each cassette-directed~~ guide having a respective end portion protruding to secure a cassette adapted for holding one or more substrates ~~said cassette includes a plurality of recessed portions adapted to receive the respective protruding end portion of each guide, wherein said cassette is arranged between the guides to receive the protruding end portion of at least two guides at opposite ends of the cassette in respective recessed portions of the cassette, so that the cassette is aligned and identically situated with respect to the base plate upon introduction to the holder, wherein the respective end portion of each guide~~ having~~has~~ a first side of the guide member which is facing away from the base plate and a second side of the guide member facing toward the base plate, the first and second sides and being tapered toward one another in a direction toward the protruding end portion so as to form the respective protruding end portion, ~~the recessed portions of the cassette having a corresponding tapered recess to receive at least a portion of the guide situated closest to the cassette and~~ arranged at a predetermined distance from the cassette so as to accurately hold the cassette in alignment on the base plate within the predetermined distance of the guides from the cassette.

2. (previously presented) The holder as claimed in claim 1, wherein the second side facing the base plate is mirror symmetrical with respect to the first side facing away from the base plate.

3. (previously presented) The holder as claimed in claim 1, wherein, viewed in cross-section, the guides demonstrate a trapezoidal, inwardly directed profile.

4. (currently amended) The holder as claimed in claim 1, wherein the guide member includes at least three cassette-directed guides wherein two of the guides oppose each other from opposite ends of the guide member and the third is located along the length of the guide member ~~and the base plate are provided with corresponding openings having the shape of an elongated slot the longitudinal directions of which are mutually substantially perpendicular and by means of which the guide member is detachably secured to the base plate by means of bolts and nuts.~~

5. (currently amended) The holder as claimed in claim 4, wherein the guide member is detachably secured to the base plate by means of bolts and nuts and wherein the base plate is graduated at a location of two mutually perpendicular outer sides of the guide member.

6. (currently amended) The holder as claimed in claim ~~[[4]]~~5, wherein the base plate, the bolts and the nuts are made of aluminum.

7. (currently amended) The holder as claimed in claim 1, ~~wherein the~~ further including a second guide member constructed and arranged opposite and identical to the first guide member to mirror the first guide member ~~comprises two mirror symmetrical guide members, which each form at least one guide, which adjoins a single side of the cassette.~~

8. (previously presented) The holder as claimed in claim 1, wherein the guide member is made from a material having a low coefficient of friction.

9. (currently amended) ~~[[a]]~~A device for the manufacture of semiconductor products in semiconductor substrates, provided with the holder as claimed in claim 1.

10. (currently amended) A device including the holder as claimed in claim 1, wherein the device is provided with a detector ~~detection means~~, which ~~signals~~signals that the cassette for the substrates is present in the holder.